

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
September 14, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 8:04 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

**Board Members**

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman  
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman\*  
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
William G. Bouie  
Kevin J. Fay  
Kenneth G. Feng  
Harry Glasgow  
Georgette Kohler  
George E. Lovelace\*  
Gilbert S. McCutcheon  
Winifred S. Shapiro

\*Board Members absent

**Staff**

Michael A. Kane, Director  
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director  
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring  
Bob Brennan  
Elisa Lueck  
Cindy Messinger  
Miriam Morrison  
Judy Pedersen  
Lynn Tadlock

Ray Alexander  
Kirk Holley  
John Lehman  
Barbara Nugent  
Patty Paczan  
Kay Rutledge  
Bethany Timmes  
Ted Zavora

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that P-1 Athletic Field Lighting Technical Report be deleted from the Agenda. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.** Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda as publicized. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

## **PRESENTATION**

### **P-1 Athletic Field Lighting Technical Report**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

### **P-2 Quarterly Status Report**

Ms. Tadlock provided a brief presentation of the construction projects recently completed or well underway. Projects that were recently completed include new lighting systems for one artificial turf rectangle field, one 60 foot diamond field and one 90 foot diamond field at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park; renovation, enlargement and irrigation of two rectangle fields at Grist Mill Park; and structural renovation, lighting replacement, door replacement, and installation of one artificial turf rectangle field at South Run District Park Field House.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **ADMIN-1 Approval – Request for Land Dedication for RZ 2005-PR-004, Tysons Corner Center Mall**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding RZ 2004-PR-044, Tysons Corner Center:

The Park Authority requests that the applicant construct and dedicate to the Fairfax County Park Authority an urban park from one to two acres in size. Possible locations that should be considered include an area near the intersection of International Drive and Fletcher Street or at the Route 7 entrance to the mall. A community park at either of these locations would provide an attractive and welcoming entry point to the urban core of Tysons Corner. The park would serve as both a physical and interpretive gateway to the area and should include features such as an amphitheater for public performances, a balance of hardscape plaza areas and open greenspace, an attractive and engaging water feature, a small outdoor café kiosk, access to below-grade parking, and an orientation point for a 1–1.5 mile recreational walking/jogging/running loop.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

**ADMIN-2      Approval – Request for Land Dedication for RZ/FDP 2002-HM-043, Arrowbrook Center**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Bouie **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding RZ/FDP 2002-HM-043, Arrowbrook Centre:

Request that the applicant either provide ten acres of usable park land or develop and dedicate a minimum of seven (7) usable acres to the Fairfax County Park Authority for a new Local Park (See Attachment 2) combined with a monetary contribution equal to the value of usable land for anything less than the ten acres of usable park land as recommended in the County Comprehensive Plan.

The Fairfax County Park Authority recommends that the applicant conduct a Phase I archaeological survey on the property and if potentially significant archaeological resources are discovered, conduct further archaeological investigations as appropriate.

The applicant is encouraged to preserve the Merrybrooke house (c. 1793) located on the property through means other than by public ownership. Preservation easements on the house and immediate lands may be appropriate as a protection strategy.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

**ADMIN-3      Adoption of Minutes – July 27, 2005, Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the July 27, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. Being absent from the July 27, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Bouie **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A-1 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Mount Vernon Dog Opportunity Group – Grist Mill Park**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Mount Vernon Dog Opportunity Group in the amount of \$10,000 toward the construction of an Off-Leash Dog Area at Grist Mill Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

### **A-2 FY 2006 Deer Management Program**

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on July 27, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the FY 2006 Deer Management Program proposed by the County Wildlife Biologist; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

### **A-3 Scope Approval – Laurel Hill Greenway Bridge Construction at Giles Run**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the project scope to construct a bridge over Giles Run on the Laurel Hill Greenway in Laurel Hill Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

**A-4 Contract Award – South Run RECenter Fitness Room Addition**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a contract award to Bowie Gridley Architects of Washington, D.C. in the amount of \$337,000 for project scope development, preparation of design and construction documents, permitting, and construction administration and special inspection services required to develop a Fitness Room Addition at South Run RECenter. In addition, Mr. Feng recommended reserving \$33,700 or ten (10) percent of the total contract award for contract contingency, and \$20,220 or six (6) percent of the total contract award for administrative costs. The total contract award is \$390,920; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****I-1 FY 2006 Update – Fund 370, Park Authority Board Construction and Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2006 Update – Fund 370, Park Authority Board Construction and Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund. There was no action or discussion on this item.

**I-2 Cub Run Field House Request for Proposals Termination**

This item was reviewed by the Park Services Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Cub Run Field House Request for Proposals Termination. There was no action or discussion on this item.

**I-3 Park Proffers**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 7, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Park Proffers. There was no action or discussion on this item.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- **Director's Performance Evaluation**

Mr. Strickland brought the Board's attention to the sealed white envelope containing the Park Authority Director's Performance Evaluation. Mr. Strickland also brought the Board's attention to his letter to the County Executive expressing concern, again, about competitive salary issues. Mr. Strickland thanked the Board Members for their help in the Director's Performance Evaluation process.

- **Walk-on Use**

Mr. Strickland stated that at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 12, 2005, the FY 2005 Carryover item regarding the recommendation of the Walk-on Use Committee was pulled from the consideration package, due to its failure to meet basic carryover guidelines. Carryover funding is a one time availability of funding at the end of the fiscal year and is accumulated from a variety of sources. Items for carryover consideration are not deemed appropriate if they are new programs or require ongoing funding in succeeding years. The Walk-on Use Committee item failed on both points.

During the Board comments on this issue, it was stated that this item would be included in the Fiscal Year 2007 budget considerations. It was also said that there would be further discussion with the Park Authority to bring about a "reality" of the issue.

A meeting will be scheduled with Supervisors Kauffman and Hyland to discuss the policy issues and the Park Authority's position. Mr. Strickland stated that he would be attending with Park Authority Board Members Batten and Glasgow.

- **Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee Meeting, September 19, 2005**

Mr. Strickland thanked Board Member Vajda and Supervisor Gross for assisting in getting the Park Authority's Natural Resource Management Plan presentation on the Environmental Committee's meeting agenda on Monday, September 19, 2005. Mr. Strickland will be in attendance with an opening statement regarding the Park Authority's role as a steward of the county's environmental resources.

- **Tri-County Parkway Impact Study**

Mr. Strickland reported that he had sent Kate Hanley, who has been appointed to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), a letter dated August 30, 2005, requesting rejection of the Comprehensive Plan Alignment proposed in the Tri-County Parkway Draft Environmental Impact Study. Mr. Strickland reported that he had received a phone mail message from Mrs. Hanley thanking him for the letter.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- **Board of Supervisors Recognition of County Recipients of the 2005 National Association of Counties (NACo) Awards**

Mr. Kane announced that the Board of Supervisors will recognize county recipients of the 2005 NACo Awards at their meeting on Monday, September 26, 2005. Among the awards being recognized is the Laurel Hill Public and Private Partnership program that won in the Community / Economic Development Category, in which Park Authority staff participated.

- **Seven Day-A-Week Operations**

Mr. Kane reported that the Park Authority's Seven Day-A-Week maintenance operations schedule will begin September 24, 2005. The seven-day schedule will be in effect annually from April 1 through November 30 and coincides with the 34-week season for availability of Level 2 athletic fields. Staff schedules are being adjusted to assure the presence of one full-time supervisory position and two seasonal staff positions in each of the seven Area Management locations. This program will increase Park Authority staff presence in our parks, improve cleanliness and enhance the visitor experience, and will allow us to begin to address several of the issues identified in the recently completed Athletic Field Walk-on Use Report.

- **Enhancement Program – Cross County Trail – Accotink Stream Valley Trail**

Mr. Kane reported that the Park Authority was recently notified that our application for Enhancement Program funds for the Cross County Trail – Accotink Stream Valley Trail was approved. The award amount of \$265,000 will be added to a previous Enhancement Grant of \$100,000 for the same section of the trail. The project to be funded is a re-routing of the CCT going south from the Lake Accotink Dam, crossing the stream twice, going under Old Keene Mill Road, crossing the stream once again, and tying into the trail near Hunter Village Drive and back down into the Accotink Stream Valley. Currently, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) does not have the authorization for the funding, but once that becomes available then the Park Authority can begin to start the project. This is a reimbursable grant.

- **Manager – Strategic Initiatives and Policy Development**

Mr. Kane announced the appointment of Elisa Lueck as the Manager of the Strategic Initiatives and Policy Development position in the Director's Office. Elisa currently comes to us from the Department of Human Resources where she worked as a Senior Analyst for compensation and workforce planning. Elisa will be a key member of the agency Leadership Team and will be responsible for managing the Park Authority Board's agenda and policy items along with developing and facilitating strategic initiatives in our upcoming 2006-2010 Strategic Plan. Elisa has a BS in Communication and a MPA in Public Administration.

- **FY 2005 Carryover Approval**

Mr. Kane distributed a News Release announcing the Board of Supervisors action on Monday, September 12, 2005, for the FY 2005 Carryover. There was not an item that was directly related to the Park Authority in any approved item for carryover. However, the recent environmental money that was approved at carryover will be eligible for some project funds. The amount is yet to be determined.

- **"Fairfax Families Care"**

At the request of Mr. Kane, Mr. Bittenbring reported that "Fairfax Families Care" is a coalition of public private non-profit organizations that have joined together to try and meet this second phase of assistance that is being offered to the victims of the hurricane that are coming to Fairfax County. The primary attempt is to give the evacuees a "one stop" integrated shopping for housing needs, educational needs, working needs, and transportation needs.

Mr. Bittenbring reported that John Berlin noticed that recreation and leisure time were missing from the "needs" list and made some initial contacts. Mr. Bittenbring stated that John Berlin will be attending a meeting on September 15, 2005, in the Board of Supervisors' conference room with the coordinating groups for the Fairfax County Hurricane Relief efforts. Mr. Berlin's objective in the meeting will be to see how the Park Authority can assist and help to provide that missing component of recreation to these families. The Park Authority wants to help meet the needs of the families which could be stress, to stay fit and/or have recreational needs for their children. The Park Authority will not necessarily offer more than we offer our own residents who are lower income and have limited access to our facilities. Mr. Bittenbring feels this is a great opportunity for the Park Authority to take a leadership role and help to meet the needs of those victims of the hurricane.

Staff will be returning in a couple of weeks to provide more details on how the Park Authority will be involved with this issue.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RECORD**

**NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.**

## **BOARD MATTERS**

- **Joanne E. Malone**  
Ms. Malone was absent.

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda invited Board Members to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mason District Park Festival to be held on September 24, 2005. There will be lots of entertainment and rides for the kids.

Mr. Vajda squelched a rumor that is circulating about trouble and possible violence at the playing fields at Pine Ridge Park between permit users and walk-ons on Sunday, September 11, 2005. A 911 call was made and the police responded but found no problems and after interviewing citizens at the fields found that there had been no confrontations.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon had no BOARD MATTERS.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro remarked that she enjoyed the stewardship brochures that she received in her package and thanked staff. Mrs. Shapiro stated that she especially liked the brochure on evasive plants, and remarked that it was well done. Mrs. Shapiro stated that the brochures were useful to her and commended staff for a job well done.

Mr. Strickland requested that these stewardship brochures on *Treasurers*, *Wildlife*, and *Invasive Backyard Plants* be handed out again at the September 19, 2005, Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee meeting. Mr. Strickland commended staff for the brochures.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng reported on a very positive experience he and his son had at the Wakefield Skate Park on Saturday, September 10, 2005. Mr. Feng stated that the manager of the Skate Park, Mark Barton, was very helpful and showed him around the facility. Mr. Feng remarked that when his son was having trouble with his skate board the Skate Park Guard, Phil Clark, assisted with adjustments and showed his son some pointers. Mr. Feng was a hero for a day and he was very appreciative.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay thought that the stewardship brochures were wonderful.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten welcomed Elisa Lueck. Mr. Batten stated that Elisa is an exceptional manager, extremely bright person and the Park Authority will benefit greatly from her being here. Mr. Batten has great respect for her ability and talent.

Mr. Batten thanked Board Member Shapiro for contacting Supervisor Bulova on Friday, September 9, 2005. Mr. Batten thanked Hal Strickland for the conversations they had. Most of all, Mr. Batten thanked Tim White. Mr. Batten stated that this was a very touchy time on Friday regarding the walk-on field situation. However, this turned out to be a very positive piece of communication that took place. Mr. Batten stated that we are looking forward to going forward in the most positive way to deal with the walk-on issue and the significant concerns that go well beyond having a registered pass to utilize the field, and in making sure that the Park Authority is addressing the total needs in every and all aspects of the community in the best way that can be done. Mr. Batten thanked everyone.

Mr. Strickland stated that the governing body and other parts of the community are involved and they are going to come to the table and talk about this issue.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler reported that she attended the Virginia Indian Festival at Riverbend Park on Saturday, September 10, 2005. This was a great event for kids and well attended. This event was very well organized and very well put together.

Mr. Strickland recommended that Ms. Kohler would also enjoy the Kayak events at Riverbend Park.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace was absent.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow reported that on Saturday, September 10, 2005, he and Mr. Vajda attended the Soil and Water Conservation District Green Breakfast at the Old Country Buffet at Pickett Road in Annandale. Mr. Glasgow commended Cindy Messinger, Heather Melchior Schinkel, and Charles Smith for their presentation on the Natural Resource Management Plan. Mr. Glasgow stated that staff had done an excellent job. Mr. Glasgow felt the Park Authority took a great step forward with this group.

Mr. Glasgow recommended the book entitled The Last Child in the Woods – Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorders by Richard Love. This book was inspired by a comment that a 4<sup>th</sup> Grader made in California. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grader said that he enjoyed playing indoors because that is where the electrical outlets are. Based on this comment, the author did the research and wrote a very interesting book.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie stated that he is getting ready for the second Skate on Wheels event in a couple of weeks. Mr. Bouie stated that there is an organizational meeting on September 15, 2005, in Supervisor Hudgins' office to ensure that everything is going smoothly.

Mr. Bouie invited Board Members to attend the "Restoration Celebration" for the Frying Pan Spring Meeting House on Sunday, September 18, 2005, starting at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Bouie reported that staff has done a tremendous job on the restoration and it should be a great event.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:43 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in **all Magisterial Disticts** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)
- b. Discussion of Closed Session Minutes dated **July 27, 2005** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2.3712(H).

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent.

- Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District
- Update on Land Acquisition in the Mount Vernon District
- Update on Land Acquisition in the Sully District
- Update on Land Acquisition in the Hunter Mill District
- Update on the FY 2004 – 2005 Land Acquisition Work Plan (Countywide)
- Closed Session Minutes dated July 27, 2005

**Land Acquisition Matters and Closed Session Minutes were discussed.**

At 9:03 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng was **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow was **APPROVED** and approved with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent.

**ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.**

**C-1                    Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the offer range and sign the resolution for land acquisition in the Dranesville District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent.

**C-2                    Update on Land Acquisition in the Mount Vernon District**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the land acquisition in the Mount Vernon District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent and Ms. Kohler voting NAY.

**C-3                    Update on Land Acquisition in the Sully District - Old Centreville Road Park**

There was no action on this item.

**C-4                    Update on Land Acquisition in the Hunter Mill District - Centreville Road Widening**

There was no action on this item.

**C-5                    Update on the FY 2004 – 2005 Land Acquisition Work Plan (Countywide)**

This item was distributed at the September 27, 2005 Planning and Development Committee meeting.

**C-6 Closed Session Minutes dated July 27, 2005**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated July 27, 2005 as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone and Mr. Lovelace being absent. Being absent from the July 27, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Bouie **ABSTAINED** from the vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:04 p.m. Mr. Bouie **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow.

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
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Frank S. Vajda  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

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